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1. AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF SILENCE, THE MORNING DAILY LISTIN EDITORIALIZED JULY 16 ON THE SUSPENDED BAUXITE NEGOTIATIONS, ARGUING THAT "IT SEEMS PREMATURE TO DECLARE THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BROKEN DOWN". LISTIN WARNED AGAINST INSTANT SOLUTIONS AND COUNSELLED THE GODR TO ACCEPT THE CONCESSIONS ALCOA HAS ALREADY MADE AND THEN CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH A VIEW TOWARD OBTAINING "THE BEST POSSIBLE TERMS COMPARABLE WITH THE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS ALREADY OBTAINED BY SOME PRODUCING COUNTRIES".

2. COMMENT: LISTIN DIARIO IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC'S NEWSPAPERS AND HAS OFTEN SUPPORTED THE CAUSE OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT. THIS EDITORIAL, HOWEVER, DID NOT DEAL WITH ANY OF THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES OF THE BAUXITE SITUATION, AS DID THE JULY 10 EDITORIAL IN EL CARIBE,
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THE OTHER RESPECTED MORNING SANTO DOMINGO PAPER. EL CARIBE HAD

CALLED FOR A MORE BALANCED VIEW; REMINDED THE GODR THAT THE
"DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IS NOT JAMAICA, WHICH IS THE SECOND LARGEST
PRODUCER OF BAUXITE IN THE WORLD, BUT RATHER A MARGINAL
PRODUCER, AND THAT THE QUALITY OF ORE MINED HERE IS NOT VERY
HIGH"; AND WARNED ALCOA NOT TO "TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION
AND BACK US UP AGAINST A WALL".

3. TRANSLATIONS OF BOTH EDITORIALS BEING POUCHED.
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